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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 99, JULY 23, 1976
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1. HEAVY BOMBER DEFINITION (ARTICLE II.3) - UNDER QUESTIONING, KARPOV CONFIRMED THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL OF JUNE 11 CONTAINED NO CHANGE IN BASIC SOVIET POSITION THAT THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES IN HEAVY-BOMBER DEFINITION: FIRST, AIRCRAFT DESIGNATED AS HEAVY BOMBERS AS OF DATE OF SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT, AND SECOND, NEW AIRCRAFT TO BE CONSIDERED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS BY CONSULTATION. THUS, "FUTURE AIRCRAFT" IN SOVIET PROPOSAL MEANS ONLY "NEW" AIRCRAFT (AS IN SOVIET APRIL 13 PROPOSAL). KLOSSON EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS GAP IN SOVIET PROPOSAL, SINCE IT FAILED TO COVER SITUATION WHERE AN AIRCRAFT WHICH EXISTED ON DATE OF SIGNATURE BUT WHICH WAS NOT DESIGNATED AS HEAVY BOMBER AT THAT TIME ACQUIRES SUBSEQUENTLY CAPABILITIES/CHARACTERISTICS SIMILAR OR SUPERIOR TO DESIGNATED HEAVY BOMBERS. SUCH AN AIRCRAFT WOULD GO FREE UNDER SOVIET PROPOSAL, BUT WOULD BE COVERED BY US PROPOSAL. KARPOV AT FIRST MAINTAINED THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE VIII COVERED SITUATION, BUT KLOSSON SAID ARTICLE VIII PROPOSAL DEALT ONLY WITH AIRCRAFT

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CARRYING ASMS OVER 600 KILOMETERS, NOT WITH AIRCRAFT CARRYING

BOMBS. KARPOV FAILED TO OFFER EXPLANATION OF HOW SOVIET
PROPOSAL COVERED GAP.

2. NEXT MEETING, JULY 27. JOHNSON

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